

*University of West Georgia  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
April 20, 2007  
Approved September 28, 2007*

***Date:*** May 4, 2007

***Call to Order:*** The meeting was convened in room 1-303 of the Technology-Enhanced Learning Center. Chair pro-tem Randy Hendricks called the meeting to order at: 3:04 p.m.

***Roll Call :*** Abbott; Bray; Chibbaro; Fulkerson; Gainey; Harkins; Hendricks, C; Hendricks, R; Holland; Lloyd; MacKinnon; Moffeit; Murphy; Penceo; Prince; Reber; Snipes; Webb; Wilson.

***Not in Attendance:*** Alberg, Dwight, Espinosa, Kirk, Mayer, Morris, Mowling, Ray, Rutherford.

***Minutes:*** The minutes of the February 2, 2007, meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved with two changes: the section of the minutes concerning the Chair of the Faculty Senate was moved out from under Committee III information and the SWOT analysis was changed from the previous incorrect spelling (SWAT).

***Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Program: Chair: Jeffrey Reber***

**Action Items:**

- A) College of Arts and Sciences:
  - 1) Foreign Languages and Literature – Dr. Overfield addressed program modifications needed. Motion made: Approved.
  - 2) Inter-disciplinary Studies – Addition of ISCI 2002: Physical Science. Motion made: Approved.
  - 3) Dept. of Math – Due to BOR mandates, course addition and course deletion. Motion made: Approved.
  - 4) Dept. of Nursing – the addition of NURS 3272 was postponed. Because of the state of Georgia licensure exam, course addition (NURS 4444) was requested. Motion made: Approved.
- B) College of Education- Dr. Judy Butler addressed the following:
  - 1) Dept. of Counseling and Educational Psychology – due to BOR mandates, two course additions. Motion made: Approved.
  - 2) Depart. of Curriculum and Instruction – due to BOR mandates, program modifications for the MGED Math/Science and MGED Language Arts/Social Studies concentrations; Three ECED and one READ course addition, one MGED and one SEED course deletion. Motion made: Approved.
  - 3) Dept. of Special Education and Speech language pathology – Dr. Michael

Hazelkorn addressed the reactivation of the newly titled BS ED in Special Education: General Curriculum (Mild Disabilities) program and eight course additions for that program. Also, modification of the BS in Education: Speech-Language Pathology program. Motion made: Approved.

**Information Items:** Core curriculum modification in the Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literature and course modifications in the Depts. of Geology and Nursing in the College of Arts and Sciences; course modifications in the Depts. of Curriculum and Instruction and Special Education and Speech Language Pathology in the College of Education; and course modifications in the Depts. of Accounting and Finance, Management and Business Systems, and Marketing and Real Estate in the Richards College of Business were presented to the Faculty Senate.

***Committee II: Academic Policies and Procedures: Chair: Kathy Moffeit***

**Action Item:**

- A) Class Absence Policy – Dr. Tara Singer spoke to the newly-proposed policy, especially as it concerns students on UWG sanctioned off-campus events. Pros and cons were brought up by the body; then a motion was made and a vote taken. A hand-count was needed and it resulted in: 6 yes, 8 no, and 1 abstention. Motion failed and the policy will be taken back to the committee for revision with input and concerns to be sent to the committee chair.
- B) Revisions to the *Faculty Handbook* Section 203 Class Rolls section were presented. Extended discussions ensued and a motion was made to approve the revisions: a hand-vote was taken: 15 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.
  - A. MacKinnon then made a motion requesting that the Committee re-visit the language of all the sections of the *Faculty Handbook* considered today:  
Approved.
- C) Revisions to the *Faculty Handbook* Section 204 Course Changes and Drops were presented to the body. Motion made: Approved.
- D) Revisions to the *Faculty Handbook* Section 205 Reporting Grades and Withdrawal Policy were presented to the body. Motion made: Approved.

**Information Items:**

- A) APPC endorses the concept of the UWH First Year Program and has asked for assessment statistics when they become available.
- B) APPC is forming a sub-committee on the UWH academic calendar to convene in Fall 2007.

***Committee IV: Learning Resources Committee: Chair: Donna Harkins***

**Information Item:** LRC recommended that Faculty Research Grants totaling \$43,000 were to be awarded to 29 faculty members.

***Committee VII: Institutional Studies and Planning: Chair: Julie Chibbaro***

**Information Item:**

Dr. Michael Crafton referenced the weblink to the report of the Committee, the drafting of a new UWG planning document, USG's new planning document, and the collection of information on the SWOT analysis. The sub-committee will be meeting in the summer and report back in the fall.

***Committee IX: Graduate Studies: Chair: Charles Clark***

**Action Items:**

- A) College of Education:
  - 1) Dept. of Media and Instructional Technology - Dr. Dawn Putney addressed the modification of three of the graduate media programs and addition of a course. Motion made: Approved.
  - 2) Dept. of Special Education and Speech-Language Pathology – Dr. Michael Hazelkorn spoke to the modification of the M.Ed program. Motion made: Approved.
  
- B) Richards College of Business:
  - 1) Dept. of Accounting - program modification. Motion made: Approved.

**Information Items:**

- A) College of Education: Dept. of Media and Instructional Technology – course modifications.
- B) COGS minutes are on-line and available for review.

**Faculty Senate Meeting Dates 2007/2008** – presented by Dr. Michael Crafton.  
Approved by the Faculty Senate.

***Announcements***

- 1) Mr. Michael Crafton invited the chairs of the Faculty Senate sub-committees and members of the university community to join a meeting on June 22 at 2 pm to discuss how to proceed.
- 2) Senate Committee memberships for the upcoming academic year will be posted on the VPAA's website as vacancies are filled.

***Adjournment:*** Motion was made seconded by the departure of the members of the Faculty Senate at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Reigner, Executive Secretary.